

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3145 - HB 3146

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to develop and establish a comprehensive statewide plan to reduce the incidence of asthma in Tennessee. The plan shall be completed by December 31, 2008 and reported to the House Health and Human Resources Committee and the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee no later than January 15, 2009.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$9,500/One-Time
\$122,100/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- In addition to developing the plan, the Department of Health assumes the plan will be implemented resulting in an increase in recurring expenditures for support and oversight of the plan.
- According to the Department of Health, a Public Health Nurse Consultant and an administrative secretary will be needed to facilitate regular teleconferences and trainings with a statewide taskforce of asthma experts, assist with communication between the taskforce members, collect information and prepare the required report.
- Two additional positions will result in an increase in expenditures of \$131,558 which include one-time expenditures of \$9,500 for computers and printers (\$4,100) and office set-up (\$5,400) and recurring expenditures of \$122,058 for salaries (\$79,314), benefits (\$27,244), communication and networking (\$3,100), office leases (\$8,200), supplies (\$1,200) and travel (\$3,000).
- Any cost incurred to prepare and present the report to the appropriate General Assembly committees will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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